



Public Use on District-Owned Lands Managed by other agencies

Tibet-Butler Preserve

Tibet Butler preserve is a 438-acre tract in Orange County, northwest of Orlando on CR 535, that is managed by Orange County Parks and Recreation for environmental education. Facilities include the Vera Carter Environmental Education Center, interpretive hiking trails, and elevated boardwalks. For a current schedule of park hours, call (407) 876-6696 or go online to (<http://parks.OrangeCountyFL.net/ParkDetails.asp?ParkID=39>).

Lake Russell Management Unit

The Lake Russell site covers approximately 500 acres in Osceola County. It contains a mixture of sandpine scrub, mesic flatwoods, and floodplain forest. This area is located on South Port Road approximately one-half mile from Pleasant Hill Road. Osceola County School District has established an Environmental Education Center with hiking trails that are open to the public on weekends. For more information call Osceola County Schools at (407) 847-9108.

Lake Walk-in-Water

Lake Walk-in-Water is a 4,000-acre tract that was jointly acquired by Polk County and the District. The property is managed by Polk County and is open to foot traffic only from sunrise to sunset. A walk-through entrance is located off State Road 60, one-half mile east of Tiger Lake Road. There are no facilities at this time. For more information, call Polk County at (863) 534-7377.

Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park

The District and the state Conservation and Recreation Lands program jointly acquired more than 38,000 acres in Okeechobee County. The property is managed by the state's Division of Recreation and Parks and is open for hiking, horseback riding, bicycling and camping. The preserve is located 5 miles north of the western terminus of Okeechobee County Road 724. The road, which reaches the park, is shell and is not paved. U.S. Highway 441 and Okeechobee County Road 700A intersect County Road 724. The campground is located 5 miles inside the park entrance gate. For more information, call the Preserve at (863) 462-5360 or visit the web site (www.dep.state.fl.us/parks/district3/kissimmeeprairie/index.asp).

Indian River Lagoon

The District owns, in partnership with St. Lucie County, the state of Florida, and the federal government, approximately 400 acres that extend from the beach to the Indian River. The property is open to swimming, hiking, canoeing, and surf and lagoon fishing. St. Lucie County manages the property. For more information, call the county at (561) 462-1515. In the area, Queen's Island is located 2.5 miles north on North Beach Causeway (A1A) and Blind Creek is located 7 miles south on South Beach Causeway (A1A).



North Fork St. Lucie River

The District owns 428 acres in 7 separate tracts bordering the North Fork St. Lucie River. The Oxbow Eco-Center, an environmental education facility operated by St. Lucie County in Port St. Lucie, has indoor displays and an elevated boardwalk. For more information, call the center at (772) 785-5833 or visit the web site (<http://www.stlucieco.gov/erd/oxbow/index.htm>). St. Lucie County Leisure Services and Department of Environmental Protection Office of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas separately manage the remaining units. All are open to hiking and river fishing. For information on these two units, call St. Lucie Co. Leisure Services at (772) 462-1515.

Atlantic Ridge State Preserve (Jonathan Dickinson State Park)

The District and state own 5,400 acres of pine flatwoods and wetlands that are managed by the Division of Recreation and Parks, Department of Environmental Protection. It is anticipated that limited daytime and foot traffic-only will be available by summer 2003. The property has numerous woods roads that can be used for hiking until other trails are established. For more information, call Jonathan Dickinson State Park at (772) 546-2771 or visit (<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/parks/district5/jonathandickinson/index.asp>).

John C. and Mariana Jones/Hungryland Wildlife and Environmental Area

The District and state jointly own 10,300 acres of high quality pine flatwoods and extensive wetlands in Martin and Palm Beach counties. Palm Beach County has purchased an additional 7,000 acres. The Martin County portion is managed by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as the John C. and Mariana Jones/Hungryland Wildlife Environmental Area. The area is open to hunting, fishing, hiking, and primitive camping. For more information, write the Commission's South Regional Office at 8535 Northlake Boulevard, West Palm Beach, FL 33412, or call (561) 625-5122 or go online to (<http://www.wildflorida.org/hunting/wma/South.htm>).

Loxahatchee River Northwest Fork

The District owns more than 1,900 acres along the Loxahatchee River, north of SR 706 (Indiantown Road), that are managed by the State Division of Recreation and Parks as part of Jonathan Dickinson State Park. The Loxahatchee River is Florida's only federally designated Wild and Scenic River. The property is open for canoeing and hiking. For more information call the state park at (561) 546-2771 or visit (<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/parks/district5/jonathandickinson/index.asp>).

Halpatiokee Regional Park

The District owns 100 acres along the west bank of the South Fork St. Lucie River. Management of the property was transferred to Martin County in early 2003. The property is open to canoeing, hiking, and wilderness camping. For more information, call Martin County Parks and Recreation Department at (772) 288-5690. The area is located at the end of Lost River Road off of SR 76 east of I-95.



Southern Glades Wildlife and Environmental Area

The District owns more than 32,000 acres in Miami-Dade County that is managed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as the Southern Glades Wildlife and Environmental Area (WEA). The area is accessed from Ingraham Highway 10 miles east of the entrance to the Everglades National Park and from U.S. 1 south of Homestead. The property is open to hiking, hunting and airboating. For more information, call FWC at (954) 746-1789 or visit (<http://www.wildflorida.org/hunting/wma/South.htm>).

Okaloacoochee Slough

The District owns more than 21,000 acres in Hendry and Collier counties. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and Division of Forestry own an additional 13,000 adjacent acres. The District's portion is managed by the Division of Forestry (DOF) and is open to hiking and hunting. For hunting information, call the Commission at (561) 625-5122 or go online to (<http://www.wildflorida.org/hunting/wma/South.htm>). For other information, call DOF at (863) 612-0776 or visit (http://www.fl-dof.com/state_forests/index.html).

Six Mile Cypress

The District owns 840 acres within Six Mile Cypress Slough in Lee County, and the county owns an additional 1,036 acres. The property is managed by Lee County Division of Parks and Recreation. The property is located at Six Mile Cypress Road (CR 865) west of Fort Myers. Facilities include an elevated boardwalk. For more information, call Lee County Division of Parks and Recreation at (239) 338-3300 or visit the web site (<http://www.leeparks.org/>).